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Supply of meals to prisoners in the Madras Penitentiary according to the scale of diet prescribed in the rules.

* 1381 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of prisoners in the Madras Penitentiary and the number of 'A', 'B' and 'C' class prisoners;

(*b*) the expenses of the Penitentiary for the year 1952; and

(*c*) whether meals are served to the prisoners on the ration scale and if so, how much?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) 1,259 as on 28th April 1954. Of these the number placed in 'A', 'B' and 'C' classes was 1, 12, 1,246 respectively.

" (*b*) Rs. 5,61,464.

" (*c*) The prisoners are served meals according to the scale of diet prescribed in the rules. The hon. Member is referred to the statement [a] placed on the table of the House regarding the scales of diet."

Construction of a bridge over Buckingham canal near Tiruvottiyur Railway Station.

* 1382 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the proposed date for the commencement of the construction of a bridge over Buckingham canal near Tiruvottiyur Railway Station; and

(*b*) the probable date of completion of the bridge?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) It is presumed that the hon. Member is referring to the construction of a bridge over the Buckingham canal at mile 0/3 of the Tiruvottiyur-Ponneri-Panjetty road. The work was completed in November 1953."

Grant of loans and State aid to industrial concerns in the City.

* 1383 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of State aid and loans granted by the Government to industrial concerns in the City of Madras in 1952;

(*b*) the number of such loans still outstanding, and the year in which they were granted;

(*c*) whether the firms to which aids and loans were given in the City fulfilled the conditions under which such loans were given;

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(*d*) whether they paid the annual instalments on the due dates; and

(*e*) if not, what action has been taken?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) No loans were granted to industrial concerns in the City of Madras in 1952.

" (*b*) *to* (*e*) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House."

Appointment of a Co-operative Deputy Registrar for the Triplicane Urban Co-operative Society, Madras.

* 1384 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government are considering any proposal to appoint a Co-operative Deputy Registrar to manage the affairs of the Triplicane Urban Co-operative Society, Madras?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The answer is in the negative."

Particulars of the scheme started by the Government for the removal of untouchability.

* 1385 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether District Sevaks and Grama Sevaks have been appointed in all the districts for the removal of untouchability;

(*b*) whether any scheme for the removal of untouchability has been started; and

(*c*) if so, the particulars thereof?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Yes, Sir.

" (*c*) A note [b] showing the particulars of the scheme started by the Government of Madras for the utilization of the Grant-in-aid given by the Government of India for the removal of untouchability is placed on the table of the House."

Damages caused by floods in the ayacut of Tirumani channel in Vennar Division.

* 1386 *Q.*—SRI P. VENKATESHA SHOLAGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any Special Officer submitted any report about the flood havoc in the ayacut of Tirumani channel in Vennar Division during the fasli 1357; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 734–735 infra.

[b] Printed as Appendix V on pages 736–737 infra.